

Serial No. 10/60-864

Attorney Docket No. 26B-018

REMARKS

The applicants note with appreciation the acknowledgement of the claim for priority under sections 119 and the notice that all of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

The applicants acknowledge and appreciate receiving an initialed copy of the form PTO-1449 that was filed on 27 June 2003.

Claims 2-11, 13 and 14 are pending. Claims 1 and 12 have been canceled. The applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claim 3 was objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim but was said to be allowable if written independent form including the limitations of its base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 13 has been written in independent form including the limitations of claim 12 and is thus considered to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-11 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Randall *et al.* Claim 1 has been canceled and will not be discussed. As for claims 2-11, the applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn for the following reasons.

Claims 2-11 now depend, directly or indirectly, on claim 13, which was said to contain allowable subject matter. Therefore, claims 2-11 are considered to be patentable, and this rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 12 and 14 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Randall *et al.* in view of Inagaki *et al.* Claim 12 has been canceled and will not be discussed. As for

Serial No. 10/607364

Attorney Docket No. 26B-018

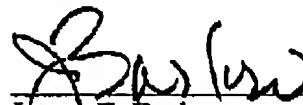
claim 14, the applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn for the following reasons.

Claim 14 now depends on claim 13, which is considered to be patentable for the reasons given above. Therefore, claim 14 is considered to be patentable due to its dependency on claim 13.

In view of the foregoing, the applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. A timely notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If questions relating to patentability remain, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

Please charge any unforeseen fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 50-1147.

Respectfully submitted,



James E. Barlow
Reg. No. 32,377

Posz Law Group, PLC
12040 South Lakes Drive, Suite 101
Reston, VA 20191
Phone 703-707-9110
Fax 703-707-1112
Customer No. 23400